

Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M.

President W. Dompier opened the meeting.

Present at Roll Call: Paul Stark, Jeannine Mayo, Paul Mayo, Anthony Mayo, Sandy Johnson, Nick Lozier and Wendell Dompier

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk
I. Smith, Lieutenant
Jim Koskiniemi, UPEA

Motion was made by J. Mayo seconded by P. Stark to accept the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 12, 2016.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The police contract was approved by the union and accepted. The proposal was based on the recent Teamster's contract. Motion made by P. Stark and seconded by J. Mayo to accept the three year contract from May 1, 2017 through February 29, 2020 with the Police P.O.A.M Union.

Ayes: P. Stark, J. Mayo, P. Mayo, A. Mayo and N. Lozier

Nays: S. Johnson

Motion carried.

Public Comment: M. Lahti was present to discuss some recent problems. He was not happy with a \$250.00 security deposit required by the Village. He has several rentals and he felt the deposit should be higher to protect the landlord. He has gotten left with some larger bills and was hoping there would be some way to rectify that. M. Lahti also expressed concern for his renters on Superior Ave. One renter works till early in the morning. When the renter gets home after work, he is too tired at times to shovel his driveway after a heavy snowfall. However, if he parks on the street, he will get a parking ticket. J. Mayo said the officers cannot show favorites when enforcing the winter parking hours. W. Dompier asked I. Smith to monitor the situation so hopefully a solution can be found.

Jeff Mayo, Village of Baraga Fire Chief, was present along with other fire department members to discuss the need for newer oxygen tanks. The current oxygen tanks are approximately 20 years. He presented the council with a quote of \$28,400 for 23 refurbished cylinders. He will also approach the Township for funding for the equipment. W. Dompier suggested that he get bids from two different places and return with the quotes. L. LeClaire requested that he also get a quote on new cylinders. An estimated amount will be needed within a month to be put in the budget for this year.

Jim Koskiniemi was present to discuss the Memorial Park in the Village of Baraga. Two different options will be reviewed by the DDA Committee for a price ranging from \$46,000.00 to \$60,000.00. The proposed location will be the corner lot across from the Cue Master bar. S. Johnson was not happy with the location and suggested finding a location near the marina.

The Village of Baraga received notification that the Water System Improvement application to Rural Development has been approved. Rural Development will provide \$1,901,000.00 in loan fund and \$1,249,000.00 in grant funds. The interest rate was locked in at 1.375% for forty years. The Village and UPEA will meet with Duane Reid to review the "Letter of Conditions" which highlights the Rural Development requirements and process from design through construction. Upon receiving the "Letter of Conditions", the Village will need to publish a 45 Notice of Referendum for the Bonding. If things progress as anticipated, a loan closing with Rural Development could possibly take place in April, 2018.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by J. Mayo to accept the Engineering Agreement with UP Engineering in the amount of \$420,000.00 for the Water System Improvement Project.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by P. Mayo seconded by N. Lozier to pay OHM the amount of \$7,600.44 for Pay Request No. 9 for the Saw Grant Project No. 7001-13-0730.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Lieutenant I. Smith was present to give the police report. He said the month was slow with 29 complaints and one arrest.

L. LeClaire discussed the need for cross training another person at the water plant. Josh Taisto would be sent for training. The training would be a minimum of 20 hours per week for a period of fifteen months to obtain an operation's license. However, it would be necessary to hire an extra person to help while Josh is at training. Josh also will be spending more time at the water plant when training is complete so the hiring of another full time Village worker would be valid. Currently Steven Witz has been working as a temporary full time worker and would be able to move into the new Village position with ease.

Motion made by N. Lozier seconded by J. Mayo to post a full time Department of Public Works position internally.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

L. LeClaire will attend a meeting with Pat Wheeler and the engineering firm for the Casino Expansion in order to get an agreement in place for electrical, water and sewer for the project.

The DPW crew has been busy with plowing. They also fixed a broken water line on Michelle Lane and fixed a water leak on Young Street.

Motion made by P. Stark seconded by A. Mayo to increase the Marina Rates by 12% for 2017.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to donate \$1,000.00 to UPSET for services rendered when the monies become available.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The council accepted the resignation of Mary Dee Shanahan from the Joint Waste Water Committee. The new opening on the committee will be advertised in the paper.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to pay the bills when the monies become available.

Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
35613	ALERT-ALL CORP	OPERATING SUPPLIES	210.00
35614	JERRY S TRANSMISSION	REPAIRS & MAINT	2,190.74
35615	PENOKIE ELECTRIC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	329.99
35616	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	235.00
35623	ASSOCIATED BANK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	485.89
35624	BRIAN WADAGA	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP	20.52
35625	DAVID APGER	TRAVEL/WORKSHOP	32.94
35626	ORCHARD HILTZ & MCCLIMENT,INC	SAW GRANT	21,949.72
35627	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	248.88
35634	BRIAN WADAGA	PHONE EXPENSE	35.00
35635	CINDY LATENDRESSE	FUEL EXPENSE	60.00
35636	GERARD LINDEMANN	PHONE EXPENSE	17.50
35637	IRVIN SMITH	PHONE EXPENSE	35.00
35638	LEANN LECLAIRE	VEHICLE EXPENSE	325.00
35639	LEANN LECLAIRE	PHONE EXPENSE	35.00
35640	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	JWWA REPLACEMENT	1,666.67
35641	SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK	WPPI DEBT RESERVE	4,166.67
35642	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	ELECTRIC TRANSFER	24,150.00
35643	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	DDA TRANSFER	4,200.00
35644	WILLIAM OLSEN	PHONE EXPENSE	17.50
35648	AMERA PLAN	INSURANCE	2,393.19
35649	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	24.95
35650	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	216.75
35651	BARAGA COUNTY CONCRETE CO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	68.90

35652	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,356.29
35653	BAY AUTO PARTS OF BARAGA INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	273.91
35654	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	REPAIRS & MAINT	1,709.61
35655	D A MACPHERSON INC	REPAIRS & MAINT	1,262.16
35656	ERICKSON TRUE VALUE & LUMBER	OPERATING SUPPLIES	20.61
35657	HAWKINS, INC	PLANT CHEMICALS	233.70
		PRINTING &	
35658	L ANSE SENTINEL	PUBLISHING	121.15
35659	LARRY S MARKET INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	167.25
35660	MIDWAY RENTALS INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	686.84
	NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES		
35661	INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	320.99
35662	NORTH COUNTRY DESIGN	CONTRACTED SERVICES	10.00
	NORTHERN HEAVY DUTY TRUCK		
35663	PART	CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,097.00
35664	NORTHERN OIL 1 INC	FUEL EXPENSE	1,943.25
35665	OJIBWA BUILDING SUPPLY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	51.98
35666	ONTONAGON COUNTY	CONTRACTED SERVICES	6,907.83
35667	PORTAGE HEALTH FOUNDATION	MISC EXPENSE	2,000.00
35668	QUILL CORPORATION	OPERATING SUPPLIES	76.82
35669	REMY BATTERY CO. INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	177.06
35670	SEMCO ENERGY	UTILITIES	2,253.79
35671	U P POWER COMPANY	UTILITIES	81.48
35672	UPSET	MISC EXPENSE	1,000.00
35673	USA BLUEBOOK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	249.23
35674	UTILITY SYSTEMS ENGINEERING	CONTRACTED SERVICES	253.96
35675	VERIZON WIRELESS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	64.02
35676	VILLAGE OF BARAGA	UTILITIES	4,013.90
35677	WASTE MANAGEMENT	OPERATING SUPPLIES	567.32
35678	WILKINSON S STORE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	263.27
35679	UPPER PENINSULA ECONOMIC	DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	125.00
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Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to adjourn
Ayes: All
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk